

Message from the Chair

Senior Lawyers Committee

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2003 will be a very exciting year. We are capitalizing on our successes and selectively starting exciting new projects.

Our Senior Lawyers Committee (SCL) is an all-inclusive cross section of the entire bar. Our committee accepts responsibility for all California Senior Lawyers regardless of gender, ethnic background, sexual preferences or other status. Of course, we are most concerned when Senior Lawyers or their Senior Clients are denied access to justice.

Our range of programs includes some of the following which were huge successes at the 2002 Bar Convention in Monterey and which we want to repeat at the 2003 Bar Convention in Anaheim, along with one new program, "Sunsetting a Law Practice."

1. Introduction to Elder Law - Expand Your Practice
2. Tactics for Experienced Lawyers Seeking Employment
3. Retirement Planning and Implementation
4. Successful Retirement - Do You Have an Exit Plan for Life After Full Time Law Practice?
5. Stress Avoidance & Stress Control for lawyers
6. Advanced Techniques to Address Elder Law Abuse
7. Obtaining Long Term Medical Care

This committee's most recent focus is "Sunsetting a Law Practice - How to Close It or Sell It." Every lawyer has a "practice" whether it be an interest in a mega firm or a solo practice. We hope to cover the options available to the lawyer who wishes to transition from the full time practice of law or who wishes income from the practice after being active on a full time basis.

As the bar ages, senior lawyers without financial security appear to be experiencing trust account problems. We are looking at this issue.

Our "Reverse Mentoring" program is well underway. With help and cooperation from the American Bar Association and The Lawyers' Club of Los Angeles, we are developing a program to bring Senior Lawyers on line so that we may communicate with them and vice versa.

Our successful programs were done primarily with members of our committee, allowing each of us the opportunity to be involved and to "give back" to our profession and other senior lawyers.

Shortly we will be posting articles written by committee members to our web site, which can be accessed by Senior Lawyers throughout the world.

We have a dynamic committee. Each person is making a positive contribution. Almost all of our committee members have participated in our Annual Meeting programs and many are also active at the American Bar Association Senior Lawyers Division.

We are showing the Bar what senior lawyers can do when given the opportunity. We look forward to new challenges and new opportunities.

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